## **MEMORANDUM**

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(9)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

March 7, 2006

FROM:

Murray A. Greenberg

County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** 

Resolution relating to

placing a Rescue Unit at the

Dante B. Fascell Port of

Miami-Dade

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto.

County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.					
	"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised				
	6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing				
	4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing				
<b>A</b>	Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget				
	Budget required				
	_ Statement of fiscal impact required	Statement of fiscal impact required			
	Bid waiver requiring County Manag	Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation			
•	Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's				

Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

No committee review

Approved	<u>Mayor</u>	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(9)
Veto		3-7-06	
Override			

RESOLUTION NO.	,	

RESOLUTION URGING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO CONSIDER PLACING A RESCUE UNIT OF THE MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT AT THE DANTE B. FASCELL PORT OF MIAMI-DADE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2006, a longshoreman named Doney L. Eden suffered serious injuries to his head, chest, and left arm when the mule, a truck-like vehicle used to move containers, he was driving went into reverse and pinned him between the mule cab and a container that was being loaded onto the mule at one of the cargo yards of the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department (MDFR) immediately was called, but while Mr. Eden waited, injured and bleeding, it took 19 minutes for a rescue unit to arrive on the scene, at which point Mr. Eden was transported in critical condition to Jackson Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, while there is an MDFR Fire Station at the Port of Miami-Dade, there is no MDFR Rescue Unit located there; and

WHEREAS, placing an MDFR Rescue Unit at the Port of Miami-Dade would substantially reduce the amount of time needed to respond to emergencies at the Port and could potentially reduce the severity of injuries and even save lives by getting medical attention to injured workers much quicker; and

WHEREAS, thousands of persons are employed at the Port of Miami-Dade, many times in dangerous industrial operations where life and limb are at risk; and

WHEREAS, while a new MDFR Fire Station and Rescue Unit is in the process of being built at the Port of Miami-Dade with an anticipated completion date of July, 2006, an MDFR Rescue Unit is needed immediately at the Port of Miami-Dade,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board urges the County Manager to consider placing a Rescue Unit of the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department at the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade at the earliest possible time and provide an update at the next Community Empowerment and Economic Revitalization Committee meeting and, if necessary, at each subsequent committee meeting until the Rescue Unit has been installed.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dorrin D. Rolle,
Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Commissioner Rebeca Sosa and Senator Javier D. Souto and
offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote

was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro Audrey M. Edmonson Sally A. Heyman Dorrin D. Rolle Katy Sorenson Sen. Javier D. Souto Jose "Pepe" Diaz Carlos A. Gimenez Barbara J. Jordan Natacha Seijas Rebeca Sosa

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The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

MML

Jess M. McCarty